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While most of the participants in the Mooseyard St. Patrick's Day Parade were sober, some of the folks on this float decided to celebrate early with some good drinking. After the parade ended, the local restaurants and bars had a variety of activities and events to keep the March 13 celebration going well into the night. **FOR MORE PHOTOS OF THE PARADE, SEE PAGES 20-21.**

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Recycled items gumming up equipment

Scott Kroening, Shawano public works director, is getting the word out about which items can be recycled and which ones can't.

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Referendum for Bonduel schools getting closer

The Bonduel School District will be asking voters in less than three weeks to approve \$12.5 million to be spent on renovations and a new gym.

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Strategic plan gets approval

The Shawano School Board approved its strategic plan, but not before one board member took issue with some planned surveys.

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Shredded paper should not be put in recycling bins because of the issues it causes with automated sorting equipment at the recycling plant. Instead, shredded documents should be recycled at events specifically for handling paper fragments.

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Sorting out the issue of recyclables in Shawano

Plastic bags, other items causing issues for sorting equipment

By LEE PULASKI
City Editor

Many residents in the city of Shawano are faithful when it comes to recycling, but some of those items that go into the blue recycling bins aren't supposed to be there.

Scott Kroening, public works director, informed city staff and the Shawano Common Council recently about his correspondence with Tri-County Recycling in Outagamie County, which handles the recycling for the city and other municipalities in Shawano County. There are some things that people have been doing with their recycling that interferes with the automated equipment that handles and sorts recyclables.

FYI

What doesn't belong in your recycling bin

- **PLASTIC BAGS:** Plastic bags, film and wrap are the number one contaminant. Keep recyclables loose in the bin and take plastic bags to store drop-offs. These include air pillows, newspaper bags, food storage bags, product overwrap, bubble wrap, produce bags, plastic mailers, bread bags, dry cleaning bags and case wrap.
- **SHARPS:** Needles, lancets and syringes are the number one safety concern for sorting staff. Do not throw sharps in recycling or trash. Visit dnr.wi.gov and search "Sharps Collections."
- **YUCK:** Liquids, food and trash contaminate good recyclables. Empty and rinse containers. Compost food scraps and throw trash in the garbage.
- **TANGLERS:** Cords, chains and wires wrap around sorting equipment, creating unnecessary maintenance. Take these items to e-waste collectors or scrap metal dealers.
- **TEXTILES:** Clothing, towels and bedding wrap around sorting equipment, creating unnecessary maintenance. Donate textiles, or if wet and muddy, throw them in the garbage.

SOURCE: TRI-COUNTY RECYCLING

"Some of this stuff I didn't even know," Kroening said.

For starters, some residents are organizing their recyclables into

plastic garbage bags and putting those filled bags into the recycling bin. According to Kroening, the bags are part of what's gumming up the

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automated equipment.

"People have a bag in their garage can or their recycling can, and then you take it out, you tie it up and you put it in your recycling container," Kroening said. "That's kind of a big no-no. It messes up their equipment where we transfer it at."

It's much better to dump the items out of the bag and into the recycling bin, according to Kroening. For anyone concerned about gusty winds like the ones experienced in the area in the early part of March, he suggested not having the recycling bin set out overnight but have it at the curb just prior to 7 a.m., when public works crews start picking up the garbage and recyclables.

Plastic bags used by grocery stores to collect food and other items also don't belong in the recycling bins. Those bags should be recycled by returning them to the business where they were received.

"Garbage bags are probably the biggest-type issue, but there are other things that get put in — and they might even have a little recycling symbol," Kroening said.

He noted that the items might be recyclable, but if there's not a big enough market for them, companies like Tri-County Recycling won't recycle them. One of those things is the styrofoam used in packaging certain items for sale, Kroening said, adding that plastic straps from pallets are another item that recycling crews are finding in the mix that shouldn't be there.

"Plastic motor oil bottles, that sort of stuff they can't clean up, that's garbage," Kroening said. "Tissue paper, that's not acceptable. Pet food bags, not acceptable."

Shredded paper is another item that can't be recycled through Tri-County Recycling.

"That sort of stuff messes up the equipment as much as plastic bags," Kroening said. "What happens is it gets some liquid on it, and then it just starts to cause problems."

Aerosol cans are another item that shouldn't go into the recycling bin. Kroening noted that, in his household, the aluminum foil used when cooking food is recycled, but he soon learned it can't be.

"Neither are the aluminum foil pans, and those might have a recycling symbol on them," Kroening said. "That's also garbage."

Kroening also recalled that plastic bottles, years ago, required removing the cap before being put

AT A GLANCE

Plastic

- **ACCEPT:** All plastic bottles and containers, like household bottles, jars and jugs; dairy containers and lids; produce, bakery and deli containers and lids. These items should be empty and rinsed, with lids and caps replaced.
- **DO NOT ACCEPT:** Plastic bags, wrap or fill; motor oil bottles; styrofoam; plastic cups and lids.

Paper

- **ACCEPT:** Newspapers, inserts, magazines and mail; cardboard and paperboard (food boxes); milk, juice and soup cartons; office paper, school paper and books. Flatten and cut boxes to 2 feet squared.
- **DO NOT ACCEPT:** Paper cups, shredded paper, tissue paper and pet food bags. Take confidential papers to a shred event for shredding and recycling.

Metal

- **ACCEPT:** Aluminum bottles and cans, steel and tin cans. These items should be empty and rinsed.
- **DO NOT ACCEPT:** Aerosol cans, aluminum pans or foil, empty paint cans, scrap metal.

Glass

- **ACCEPT:** Food and beverage bottles and jars. These items should be empty and rinsed.
- **DO NOT ACCEPT:** Window glass, ceramics, china, drinking glasses.

SOURCE: TRI-COUNTY RECYCLING

in the recycling bin. The rule now, he said, is that the bottle needs to be rinsed out and then put the cap on tight. The same applies to milk jugs, he said.

"For the most part, everyone wants to do it right, and they're just a lot like I was, just not really informed enough or educated enough on what's acceptable or what's not acceptable," Kroening said.

The city has received several warnings from Outagamie County on the recyclables issue, and though Kroening doesn't believe that Shawano would be charged more for dealing with the intermingling of contaminants, he said it was possible that Outagamie County would set aside the city's load and require city staff to go there and sort through the items themselves, which would be an added city expense.

"I've been warned several times," Kroening said. "I've gotten two in the last couple of weeks, which is why I'm putting more of a push on this."

The Public Works Department will be attaching an information guide on recycling dos and don'ts to recycling bins in the coming weeks, according to Kroening.

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SCOTT KROENING, Shawano public works director

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SHAWANO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

March 15

Deputies responded to 37 calls, including an adult drug offense on State Highway 47-55 in the Town of Wescott; property damage on East Hazel Drive in the Town of Richmond; a recovered stolen vehicle on White Clay Lake Drive in the Town of Washington; a reckless driving call on State Highway 47 in the Town of Lessor; an adult drug offense on County Road Z in Aniwa; a property theft on Angle Road in the Town of Pella.

March 14

Deputies responded to 38 calls, including a fight in progress on Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott; a fraud call on Oriole Road in the Town of Birnamwood; property damage on Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott; a property theft on North Lafayette Street in the Town of Wescott; a found wallet on Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott; reckless driving calls on State Highway 29 in Wittenberg and State Highway 22 in the Town of Belle Plaine; a disturbance on Main Street in Gresham; three crashes.

March 13

Deputies responded to 58 calls, including fights in progress on First Street in Aniwa and Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott; a criminal damage call on North Main Street in Shawano; reckless driving calls on state Highway 29 in the Town of Wittenberg, state Highway 47-55 in the Town of Wescott and West Green Bay Street in Bonduel; a weapons offense on County Road G and Pine Drive in the Town of Wescott; trespassing calls on Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott and Butternut Road in the Town of Herman; an automobile theft on Koo Yi Kun Lane in the Town of Bartelme.

March 12

Deputies responded to 48 calls,

including burglaries on Draeger Road in the Town of Grant and East Chic-A-Watha Circle in the Town of Wescott; a threat on North Main Street in Shawano; property thefts on Second Drive in the Town of Washington and Glenwood Court in the Town of Wescott; reckless driving calls on state Highway 29 in Bonduel, County Road BE in the Town of Hartland and County Road K in the Town of Waukechon; a child abuse call on Airport Road in the Town of Seneca; a drug problem on state Highway 29 in the Town of Hartland; a trespassing call on Campfire Road in the Town of Waukechon; an alcohol offense on Sandy Lane and Townline Road in the Town of Navarino; one crash.

March 11

Deputies responded to 43 calls, including reckless driving calls on U.S. Highway 45 in Birnamwood, state Highway 29 and and County Road U in the Town of Herman, state Highway 29 in the Town of Wittenberg and County Road B in Shawano; a trespassing call on North Lafayette Street in the Town of Wescott; a harassment call on Knoke Street in Gresham; a pursuit on State Highway 47-55 in the Town of Wescott; two crashes.

March 10

Deputies responded to 40 calls, including a juvenile tobacco problem on South Prouty Street in Wittenberg; a criminal damage call on North Airport Road in the Town of Wescott; a found license plate on East Green Bay Street in Bonduel; a bail jumping call on Oriole Road in the Town of Birnamwood; a burglary on South Webb Street in Wittenberg; a controlled substance problem at Boarders Inn and Suites, W7393 River Bend Road in the Town of Belle Plaine; a reckless driving call on State Highway 29 in the Town of Seneca; threat complaints on Broadway Street in the Town of Richmond and Lake Drive in

the Town of Washington; a harassment on South Webb Street in Wittenberg; a burglary on West Green Bay Street in Birnamwood; three crashes, two involving deer.

March 9

Deputies responded to 39 calls, including a reckless driving call on state Highway 29 in the Town of Wittenberg; a property theft on Main Laney Drive in the Town of Maple Grove; a bail jumping call on Main Laney Drive in the Town of Maple Grove; a bail jumping call on Herman Street in the Town of Herman; an assault on County Road MMM in the Town of Richmond.

SHAWANO POLICE DEPARTMENT

March 15

Officers responded to 29 calls, including several criminal damage incidents on South Andrews Street and others on Lee Court, West Swan Street and South Smalley Street; property damage at ThedaCare Medical Center, 100 County Road B; a disturbance at the Wisconsin Inn, 216 E. Green Bay St.; a burglary at Lakeland Storage, 722 Waukechon St.; a vehicle fire at CoVantage Credit Union, 604 S. Main St.; an assault at Walmart, 1244 E. Green Bay St.; a fight in progress on Green Bay Court; a reckless driving call on North Main Street and East Fifth Street.

March 14

Officers responded to 20 calls, including a disturbance on West Picnic Street; an auto theft on Waukechon Street; a domestic disturbance at Walmart, 1244 E. Green Bay St.; a controlled substance problem on South Lafayette Street; a reckless driving call on East Green Bay Street and North Airport Road.

March 13

Officers responded to 22 calls,

including a disturbance on East Ridlington Avenue; a disabled vehicle on North Main Street and River Heights; an illegal burning on West Second Street; a controlled substance problem on South Union Street; a disturbance on East Maurer Street; an operating while intoxicated call on Waukechon and Green Bay streets; a reckless driving call on County Road K; a crash with property damage at ThedaCare Medical Center, 100 County Road B; a disturbance at the Four Seasons Resort, 201 N. Airport Drive.

March 12

Officers responded to 17 calls, including a threat on South Lincoln Street; a domestic disturbance on East Lieg Avenue; a hit and run at Walmart, 1244 E. Green Bay St.; a property damage incident on Airport Lane.

March 11

Officers responded to 36 calls, including a robbery on Sunrise Lane; criminal damage calls on South Main Street and Humphrey Circle; a found bicycle on East Fifth Street; a scam call on Briarwood Lane; a weapons offense on East Green Bay Street; a shoplifting call at Walmart, 1244 E. Green Bay St.; a found phone and hat on East Schurz Street.

March 10

Officers responded to 31 calls, including a sex offense on South Union Street; a threat on Waukechon Street; a harassment call on East Richmond Street; a property theft on East Randall Street; a substance abuse problem on Humphrey Circle; a disorderly conduct call on South Union Street; a robbery on Sunrise Lane.

March 9

Officers responded to 25 calls, including a threat at Brickstone Inn, 622 E. Green Bay St.; a restraining order violation on South Lafayette Street; a juvenile runaway on East Richmond Street.

COURT NEWS

Recent proceedings in Shawano-Menominee County District Court include:

- Jolea R. Jones, 38, Wittenberg, was charged March 8 with two counts of battery or threat to judge, prosecutor, or law enforcement officer, possession of methamphetamine and a misdemeanor possessing drug paraphernalia. Judge Katherine Sloma set a cash bond of \$10,000 and scheduled a resumed initial appearance for March 15.
- Dawn L. Oshkeshequoam, 47, Green Bay, was charged March 8 with operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated, fourth offense, bail jumping, and misdemeanor bail jumping. Sloma set a cash bond of \$2,000 and scheduled a resumed initial appearance for March 15, presided over by Judge William F. Kussel Jr.
- Timothy H. Pehlke, 38, Wittenberg was charged March 8 with possession

of methamphetamine, a misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia, and two counts of misdemeanor bail jumping. Sloma set a signature cash bond of \$2,000 with a preliminary hearing scheduled for June 2.

▪ Daryl M. Court, 29, Stanley, pleaded no contest March 8 to misdemeanor disorderly conduct, misdemeanor battery, intimidate/use or attempt force and strangulation and suffocation, which was dismissed but read into the record. Kussel sentenced him to three years and six months initial confinement and three years extended supervision.

▪ Danyel M. Jaskolski, 35, Appleton. A charge of resisting or obstructing an officer was dismissed on defendant's motion. A charge of possession of methamphetamine was dismissed on defendant's motion.

▪ Douglas T. Gauthier, 34, Shawano, pleaded guilty March 8 to two counts of bail

jumping, with one being dismissed but read into the record. Sloma sentenced him to 30 days in jail.

▪ Lawrence L. Walker III, 25, Shawano, pleaded guilty to one count of battery or threat to judge, prosecutor, or law enforcement officer, one misdemeanor count of resisting or obstructing an officer and one count of misdemeanor disorderly conduct, which was dismissed, but read into the record. Kussel sentenced him to two years initial confinement with three years of extended supervision.

In a separate case, Walker pleaded guilty to two counts of battery by prisoner, one count of throw/expelling bodily substances, which was dismissed but read into the record and one count of throwing/discharging bodily fluid at a public safety worker or prosecutor. Kussel sentenced him to two years initial confinement plus three

years of extended supervision.

▪ Todd R. Warnick, 45, Wausau, pleaded no contest March 9 to possession of methamphetamine. Sloma sentenced him to four months jail with work release.

▪ Bobby A. Cloud, Shawano, was charged March 9 with possession of methamphetamine. Sloma set a cash bond of \$2,000 and scheduled a resumed initial appearance for April 6.

▪ Zachary L. Vandermuss, 31, De Pere, was charged March 11 with operating a motor vehicle while revoked and bail jumping. Sloma set a signature bond of \$2,000; a resumed initial appearance was pending.

▪ Daniel J. Lamczyk, 35, Shawano, was charged March 11 with disorderly conduct and two counts of bail jumping. Sloma set a cash bond \$1,000 and scheduled a resumed initial appearance for March 26.

OBITUARIES

Patricia M. Raasch

Patricia M. "Pat" Raasch, 72, of Shawano, passed away peacefully on Tuesday afternoon, March 9, 2021, at Cherry Meadows Hospice in Appleton.

Pat was born March 17, 1948, in Green Bay, a daughter of the late Walter and Marian (Kocha) Pigeon. She attended school in Green Bay, graduating from Preble High School in 1966. Following high school, Pat worked on the family farm. On June 17, 1967, she was united in marriage to Ronald Raasch at St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Green Bay. The couple then moved to Shawano.

Pat stayed home to raise their children until they were school age. She then went to work at Schultz Bros., Spurgeons and Bank Mutual in Shawano, retiring in 2012. Pat is a member of Zion Lutheran Church in Shawano. She loved animals and enjoyed painting, drawing and reading. Pat was an excellent cook and baker, and she was devoted to her family.

Survivors include her loving husband of 53 years, Ronald Raasch, of Shawano; three sons, Michael (Stefanie) Raasch, of West Bend, Tim (Cindy) Raasch, of Sheboygan, and Tyler Raasch, of Shawano; two grandchildren, Hunter and Caulden



Raasch; brother-in-law, Donald Hermans, of Green Bay; sister-in-law, Geraldine Pigeon, of Green Bay; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Lori Raasch, in 2004; her brother, Jerry Pigeon; and her sister, Shirley Hermans.

A funeral service for Patricia Raasch was held Tuesday, March 16, 2021, at Zion Lutheran Church in Shawano. Pastor Phil Bogen officiated. Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers and plants, the family prefers memorials in Pat's name.

Mickelson Funeral and Cremation Service of Shawano is assisting the family with arrangements. Please share online condolences at www.mickelsonfs.com.



Thomas L. Lyon

Thomas L. Lyon, 80, beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend, died on March 8 at his home from acute myeloid leukemia and complications from his treatments.

He worked for the former Midwest Breeders Cooperative in Shawano for 35 years, retiring as CEO of Cooperative Resources International.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara, children, Jeff (Karen), Melissa (Steve) Duin and Scott; and grandchildren Megan Lyon, Nick Lyon, Alyson Duin and Brayton Duin. He is further survived by his sister-in-law, Margaret (Howard) Lyon, and



numerous nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death were his parents, Earl and Nellie Lyon; brothers Howard Lyon, Durward Lyon and G. Joe Lyon (Norma);

and a cousin, William Zmolek, who lived with the family while he was growing up and whom he considered a brother.

Tom's obituary can be found at the Nitarady Funeral Homes website, www.nitaradyfuneralhome.com

Genevieve C. Dobratz

Genevieve C. Dobratz, 86, of Stevens Point, passed away Friday, Jan. 29, 2021, at Brookdale Senior Living in Stevens Point.

The Eberhardt-Stevenson Funeral Home and Crematory in Marion is assisting her family.

Mary A. Lutzewitz

Mary A. Lutzewitz, 75, of Marion, passed away on Sunday, March 7, 2021.

Beil-Didier Funeral Home in Marion is assisting with the arrangements.

Larry R. Pringnitz Sr.

Larry R. Pringnitz Sr., 68, of Tigerton, passed away on Tuesday, March 9, 2021, at home.

Beil-Didier Funeral Home in Tigerton is assisting with the arrangements.

Neva M. Schweers

Neva M. (Mae) Schweers, 92, of Stevens Point, died late Sunday evening, March 7, 2021, at Whispering Pines Assisted Living Center with her family at her side. Neva was born Feb. 11, 1929, in Tilleda. She was the daughter of the late Alvin and Eva (Maas) Zastrow. She attended local schools in Shawano. Her marriage to Robert D. Schweers took place on June 25, 1950. Her husband, Robert, preceded her in death on Jan. 1, 1997. Neva enjoyed boating and camping with her family, attending antique engine shows and high school basketball games.

Survivors include her children, Tim (Lori) Schweers and Kurt (Denise) Schweers, both of Stevens Point, and Roberta Schweers of King City, California; her grandchildren, Heidi (Lorin) Lau, Randy Schweers, Valerie

Schweers, Kristopher (Ariel) Schweers, Tyler Schweers and A.J. (Jessica) Napiewocki; and her great-grandchildren, Josh, Brent, Olivia, Ana, Serenity, Briar, Felix, Carter, Reed and Kelsey.

Private family services were held at the Pisarski Funeral Home with the Rev. Dr. Susan Gilbert Zencka officiating. Burial was in the Woodlawn Cemetery in Shawano.

Online condolences may be sent by visiting www.pisarskifuneralhome.com. The Pisarski Funeral Home is honored to be serving the family.

In lieu of flowers, contributions to the Portage County K-9 unit would be appreciated.

Neva's family would like to thank the staff at The Lodge of Whispering Pines, and to Heartland Hospice for their compassionate care shown to us.

Ila M. Grunewald

Ila M. Grunewald, 92, of Clintonville, passed away surrounded by her family on Saturday, March 13, 2021, at Aster Assisted Living in Clintonville.

Beil-Didier Funeral Home in Clintonville is assisting with the arrangements.

Arlene A. Schultz

Arlene A. Schultz, 86, of the Town of Larrabee, passed away Thursday, March 11, 2021, at Care Partner's Assisted Living in Clintonville.

The Eberhardt-Stevenson Funeral Home and Crematory in Clintonville is assisting her family.

Matthew L. Schley

Matthew L. Schley, 70, of the Town of Bear Creek, passed away on Tuesday, March 9, 2021, at his home.

The Eberhardt-Stevenson Funeral Home and Crematory in Clintonville has been entrusted with the arrangements.

High school alum give to historical society



The Shawano High School Class of 1952, represented by Shirley Krueger, left, and Joan Wohler, presented a donation of \$164.91 to Jesse Borlen, curator at the Shawano County Historical Society.

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Snakes travel far in Bowler School competition

Game has ties to Oneida, other tribes in the Midwest

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

Sixth-grade students at Bowler School are starting a new tradition at the school with the help of a very old game played by a number of indigenous tribes.

Recently, the students brought out their carefully crafted “snow snakes” behind the school, where a carved-out snow path awaited them. The task at hand was to toss their snakes along the path and watch where they stopped. Each student got two tosses, and the student whose snake traveled the greatest distance would be the winner.

“Depending on the surface, it’ll skid around a little bit. Sometimes, it’ll travel on its side,” said Harold Katchenago, a sixth-grade math teacher. “It depends on how you throw it.”

To add to the fun, school principal Wade Turner made a bet with the students. If one of the students was able to throw farther than either of his attempts, he would give the sixth-grade students a popcorn party. Some of the students achieved that goal, with Jacob Jonet coming out on top with a throw of 85 feet.

The snow snakes are now part of the sixth-grade social studies curriculum, helping to fulfill the requirements of Act 31, which requires schools to teach about the 11 recognized tribes in Wisconsin. According to Katchenago, the snow snake game, played during the winter months, was one utilized by the Oneida tribe, among others.

“We worked with the art teacher, and on Mondays they work on them,” Katchenago said. “They had to put on final decorations, put a shellac on it.”

The school found a number of wooden dowels that were cut in half, and then the students sanded them down and decorated them as they saw fit. Katchenago hopes to plan ahead more in future years and have



Evan Pranke balances on one leg as he tosses his snow snake on the playing field at Bowler School on Feb. 22. Pranke's snow snake had a red and black color motif, but students used a variety of colors and decorating to make their snow snakes unique.

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the students do some carving work to really make their snow snakes come alive.

“We’ll carve in some fangs and some eyes,” Katchenago said. “This year was our first attempt. Next time, we’ll put in a weighted end, and that’ll make it travel further.”

The snow snake game was typically played by men after they returned from their hunting trips. The game was seen as a showcase of athletics, but it was often referred to as a medicine game as it lifted the spirit of the men during the long winters, much like school basketball games do today.

Katchenago remembered how prominent the snow snake game was when he was young, so he thought it would be a good thing to pass on to younger generations. It was a game that could be played by both men and women, he said, so it allowed for all students to equally participate.

“It’s something fun to do that’s outside,” he said.

However, in some tribes, women were not allowed to touch a man’s snow snake, nor could they participate. In some cultures, they weren’t even allowed to watch the competition.

Even though it was only sixth-grade students participating in the first year, next year they will be in the seventh grade and in the middle school level, and they will be competing against next year’s sixth-graders for personal pride. Katchenago feels it’s a good way to honor the requirements of Act 31 while having some kind of mid-winter event to help stave off any seasonal blahs.

“We’re going to call it our Bowler Snow Snake Challenge and work out bragging rights with the two areas of the school,” Katchenago said. “It’s just something to break up winter,

for one thing — something we could do outside and give us a little more freedom doing something outside instead of inside.”

Katchenago noted that, aside from learning about another culture, the snow snake competition is helping to learn about skills spanning non-Native cultures as well, such as sportsmanship.

“It was something old and traditional from the tribes in the north,” Katchenago said. “The tribes that do this in the United States, particularly the Midwest and Canada, are the ones that do this on a regular basis.”

The school plans to hold its next snow snake competition in mid-January of next year, with Katchenago noting that this year’s mild winter and higher than average temperatures last week almost made it too warm to hold the competition.

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HAROLD KATCHENAGO, Bowler School sixth-grade math teacher

Shawano Pathways receives AARP grant

Organization plans to build GRACE trails with \$1,000

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

Shawano Pathways plans to construct two GRACE trails with a \$1,000 grant from the Wisconsin AARP Small Dollar, Big Impact fund.

Matty Mathison, a Shawano resident and a part of the Shawano Pathways board, helped to develop this plan, as well as sent the application in to build these GRACE (Grateful, Release, Accept, Challenge, Embrace) trails and receive the grant.

Building these trails will add to the already established biking and walking landscape in Shawano county.

Mathison said that the COVID-19 pandemic effected the community considerably, with people losing loved ones and feeling isolated. Mathison hopes that the trails will help those who need to take their mind off of the unfortunate events that have happened during the pandemic.

"Everyone lost a lot during the pandemic. I think that the public can use these trails like free therapy," said Mathison.

The trails will be located along the Mountain Bay Trail, right by Sturgeon Park in Shawano and at the



One of the trails will run by Alpine Shores Park in Shawano.

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Alpine Shores Park, in the northern part of Shawano, just east of Main Street.

When arriving at the trail, visitors will see kiosks. These kiosks provide information on what GRACE is. Detailed on the kiosks is a map of the trail as well. When traveling down the trail, five stations standing for each letter of GRACE will be present. This will give the walkers an opportunity to stop and reflect on what that letter of GRACE means to them.

Mathison hopes that as people start to understand the significance of the trails, that they will be more

inclined to use them for personal growth.

"I think that some people will be skeptical about the trails at first because they won't understand the premise of them," said Mathison.

Mathison hopes that even if people are using the trails just to walk, that they will take a notice of the GRACE theme.

"People don't need to answer the questions, but I think that they will subliminally think about what GRACE means when they are walking down the trails," said Mathison. "This will give them a chance to get some clarity in their life."

Mathison noted that Wisconsin residents are very resilient due to the adversity they face, like handling cold winters. This resiliency has been exemplified with the struggles that people have had within the last year.

"Because of the adversity that people have faced during the pandemic, I hope that these trails can help people get away, step out of real-life, recover and think about themselves and their situations," said Mathison.

Mathison expressed her gratitude towards a 7-year-old who donated \$150 to the construction of the trails.

"How about that donation from that 7-year-old girl? That was incredible," said Mathison.

The Wisconsin AARP Small Dollar, Big Impact program is giving out a \$1,000 grant every month to projects that are strengthening communities, all around Wisconsin.

Shawano Pathways will feature a section on its website, shawanopathways.org, detailing the specifics of the trail and the GRACE meaning.

"Volunteers are also welcome to help construct the trails as well as kiosks on the trail," said Mathison. "Donors will also have the option to purchase shrubs, benches, rocks and kiosks to memorialize a friend or relative. These trail objects will have a plaque memorializing the person or people of the donor's choice."

The information for purchasing an object for the trail will be on Shawano Pathways' website as well.



One of the GRACE trails that Shawano Pathways plans to build with a \$1,000 AARP grant will run along Mountain Bay Trail near Sturgeon Park in Shawano.

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Bonduel School District seeks \$12.5M referendum

Voters will be asked to renovate current schools, add gym

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

A \$12.5 million referendum for the Bonduel School District will be on the ballot in the upcoming April 6 election.

The bonds are being sought in order to make repairs and improvements to the Bonduel public schools, according to Superintendent Joe Dawidziak. Miron Construction and Blue Design Architects ran a facilities assessment of the schools to help narrow down the needs of the schools, rather than the wants.

This list included classroom renovations, a two-station gymnasium and locker room addition, heating, air conditioning and building envelope improvements. Also on the list was securing entrances to the junior/senior high school and elementary school. On the west side of the school, the plan includes a new entrance with a canopy and new sign.

Securing the main entry way of the elementary school is a point that the school board wants to address.

"We buzz you into the building, but

once you are in the building, we hope you go the office, but if you don't, you have free reign," Dawidziak said. "That is a big concern from a safety standpoint."

The plan also includes replacing exterior doors at the elementary school.

In the high school, the renovations in the classrooms will be centered on windows, doors, tiles, cabinetry, and paint. Some of these pieces of the classrooms have been in the school since the 1950s.

The only construction that would need to take place is to construct a new two-court gymnasium and locker room addition.

"Our current gym facilities get used all day and all night, all year," said Dawidziak.

Adding a new gym would help to resolve scheduling issues that have been noticed in the past. With how many people use the current gym, taxpayers are turned away from using the facility.

Dawidziak and the school board hope that the gym could be used for things outside of athletics as well, in-

cluding a space for ACT and standardized testing. Craft fairs, opening the gym up for walking and moving fitness center classes into the space have also been discussed as potential events for the gym to accommodate. With a new gym, the current gym would also be remodeled, including new flooring, bleachers, scoreboards, backboards and paint.

There are also plans to make upgrades to follow along with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

If the referendum is approved, then the tax impact on property owners would be 16 cents for \$1,000 of equalized property value. This comes out to \$16 for a property worth \$100,000.

"Typically I think that referendums that exceed a dollar impact in the mill rate; those referendums typically don't pass," Dawidziak said. "Referendums that are under a dollar, those typically do pass. This referendum is 16 cents."

Staff and community input was taken into consideration when developing a plan for improvements around the schools. A survey was sent out to the community. The survey received 435 responses, with 59 of them being staff. About 75% of the responses were in favor of supporting the plan.

"We were told at the beginning

that if we got 55% back favorable that would be good, so 75% is very good," said Dawidziak.

The school board planned to introduce the referendum in November, but with the financial restrictions due to COVID-19 and the state of the economy, the school board felt it more appropriate to go in April.

Taking a look at other school districts, many of them went along with larger referendums in November. This gave Dawidziak and the rest of the school board a helpful idea on when to introduce the Bonduel referendum.

"A lot of other districts in the state of Wisconsin still went ahead with their referendums in November," said Dawidziak. "Some of them were a lot larger dollar amounts than what we are talking about, and those referendums passed at an 85% clip."

A rough project timeline would include construction and renovations to start in late 2021 and finish in 2023.

The school board is hosting one more informational meeting that will be held at 6 p.m. March 22 in the Bonduel High School commons, 400 W. Green Bay St., Bonduel. Links will also be published to the school's website to join the meeting online. Past informational meetings are posted on the district's YouTube Channel.

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The Department of Natural Resources has implemented a change in fishing regulations for brook trout, brown trout, and rainbow trout in the Middle Branch Embarrass River upstream from Homme Pond in Shawano County, effective May 1, 2021. The new regulation will be a green trout stream regulation with a daily bag limit of five trout in total and no minimum length limit.

The regulations have been changed because the current red regulation with a 12-inch minimum length limit on brown and rainbow trout is providing undesirable protection to any stocked yearling rainbow trout that swim up from Homme Pond into the Middle Branch Embarrass River. Also, surveys of the Middle Branch Embarrass River in 2018 showed that this stream supports high densities of brook trout with good size structure.

Under s. NR 20.35(3), Wisconsin Administrative Code, removal of special regulations is warranted under these conditions.

It was shown in previous surveys that some of the stocked yearling rainbow trout from Homme Pond swim upstream into the Middle Branch Embarrass River. For example, six stocked yearling rainbow trout were captured in trout surveys at various locations upstream of Homme Pond in 2018. The current red regulation is giving these stocked yearling rainbow trout undesirable protection from harvest. Furthermore, results from trout stream surveys at nine locations above Homme Pond in 2018 showed that the Middle Branch Embarrass River supports a high-density brook trout population as brook trout catch per unit effort averaged 785 brook trout per mile of electrofishing across the nine sites. A catch rate of 785 brook trout per mile of electrofishing ranks out in the 82nd percentile when compared to trout streams through the state of Wisconsin. Results from 2018 surveys showed that size structure of brook trout in the Middle Branch Embarrass River is also high compared to trout streams throughout Wisconsin. Thus, the Middle Branch Embarrass River provides a high-density brook trout population that can support potential increases in angler harvest of brook trout that would result from the regulation change. The goal is to maintain moderate – high densities of all size classes of brook trout while providing additional harvest opportunities for trout (especially stocked rainbow trout) and simplifying trout fishing regulations.

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Final strategic plan for school district approved

Grams votes against the document, claiming planned
surveys listed in the plan amount to racial profiling

By LEE PULASKI
City Editor

The Shawano School District's strategic plan was up for approval on the Shawano School Board's consent agenda March 15, but one board member was not willing to let it pass without discussion, expressing concerns about surveys he claimed were a form of racial profiling.

Consent agendas allow elected officials to pass routine items like expense reports and meeting minutes in one motion, usually done without discussion, without having to vote on each individual item. Board member Mart Grams, who ultimately cast the lone vote against the strategic plan, asked that it be taken off the consent agenda for further scrutiny.

Grams said he had a problem with the plan proceeding because nothing had changed in spite of numerous changes he recommended. He also cited that the "zillions of typos" he'd pointed out had not been corrected in the final draft presented to the board.

"Nothing has changed in any of it," Grams said. "I went through it yesterday, and there are still things we need to look at."

One of the issues he had was with using a school climate survey crafted by Panorama Education, a research organization based in Boston, Massachusetts, that helps schools to gather information through surveys and other tools. Grams said the surveys amount to racial profiling.

"Which kids are racists? They get a score if they're nice kids," Grams said. "Who approved that? I mean, that's pretty hardcore if you look at it."

Grams noted some of the questions ask if students hang out with people who are not their color, hang out with people of other races and other questions.

"Then they get a score based on that," Grams said. "What kind of



MART GRAMS

stuff are we doing here? That's not our job to be scoring kids on how nice they are or how, what do you want to call it, racially accepting they are."

Grams noted he found similar

wording in surveys from BrightBytes, a data company based in San Francisco, and noted the company claims that "America is inherently racist."

"These are things that have to be looked at," Grams said.

Board member Chuck Dallas countered that the opinions were Grams' alone and claimed they were not shared by the district or the board.

"These are not the opinions of the other board members who have studied the material," Dallas said. "I don't see that same information."

Grams offered to send the information to Dallas, noting he'd downloaded it from the companies' websites.

Board president Tyler Schmidt pointed out that the plan had been brought before the board numerous times, including a work session one week earlier.

Grams persisted in his view that it wasn't the district's responsibility to make sure its students were tolerant of people from different races and colors. He noted the surveys not only score the students on their social and racial awareness, they give a score to the schools, as well.

"Are we here to change students' personalities, etc.?" Grams said.

"That's not our gig. I thought we were here to educate children, not turn them into social activists. Then again, I'm only one vote. I'm just telling you what I read and saw."

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"What kind of stuff are we doing here? That's not our job to be scoring kids on how nice they are or how, what do you want to call it, racially accepting they are."

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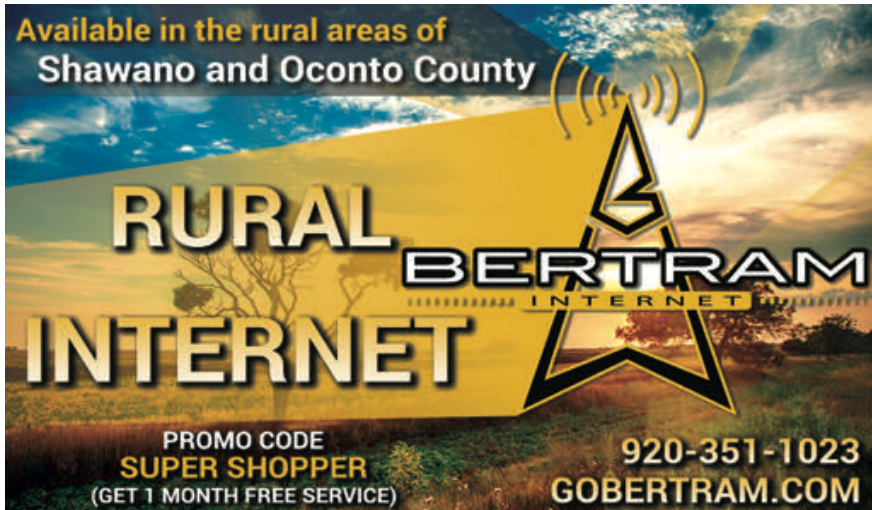
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SPONSORED BY: Administrative Committee
INTRODUCED BY: Brenda Staszak
SECONDED BY: Kay Hottenstine

THE VILLAGE BOARD OF THE VILLAGE OF BONDUÉL, SHAWANO COUNTY, WISCONSIN, DO ORDAIN that the Municipal Code of Bonduel, Wisconsin, Chapter 20 LICENSES & PERMITS, Article II., Division 2 Licenses, Section 20-41(3)(c) License fees is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 20-41. - License fees.

c. Annual quota. There is no limit on the number of temporary class "B" (picnic) beer licenses that may be issued to an eligible organization in a calendar year. However, not more than two temporary class "B" (picnic) wine licenses may be issued to an eligible organization in any 12-month period. Wis. Stat. sec. 125.51(10).

This ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication and/or posting as provided by law.

ADOPTED: March 10, 2021
 PUBLISHED: March 19, 2021

VILLAGE OF BONDUÉL, WISCONSIN
 Russ Gehm, Village President

ATTEST:
 Michelle Maroszek, Clerk/Treasurer

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SEALED BIDS FOR FURNISHING:

2021 CRACK SEALING PROGRAM

The City of Shawano is seeking a qualified vendor to provide random crack sealing services – bituminous pavement at various locations throughout the City as specified by the Department of Public Works.

ESTIMATE OF QUANTITIES

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Will be received by the City of Shawano in the office of the Department of Public Works, 2905 E. Richmond Street, Shawano, WI until 9:00 AM Local Time on March 26, 2021, at which time and place the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The Contract Documents may be examined at the office of the Department of Public Works, 2905 E. Richmond St., Shawano, WI 54166. Complete sets of Bidding Documents may be obtained from the Department of Public Works, 2905 E. Richmond St., Shawano, WI 54166, tel. (715)526-3512. All bidders shall bid in accordance with and shall bid upon the Proposal Forms provided in the Contract Documents.

All Proposals shall be addressed to the City of Shawano, Department of Public Works, 2905 E. Richmond Street, Shawano, WI 54166, and shall be placed in a sealed opaque envelope with the name and address of the Bidder and the DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT FOR WHICH THE BID IS BEING SUBMITTED clearly marked on the outside of the envelope.

Owner requires Bidders to be pre-qualified for this project in accordance with the Wisconsin Statutes 66.29(2). Qualifications shall be delivered to Engineer, not less than 5 days prior to the bid deadline. The Owner's decision as to the qualifications shall be final.

A certified check or Bid Bond payable to the City of Shawano in the amount of five percent (5%) of the bid shall accompany each bid as a guarantee, that if the bid is accepted, the Bidder will execute and file the Contract, Performance and Payment Bond, and the Insurance Certificate(s) within ten (10) days after the receipt of the Notice of Award by the City. If the Bidder fails to file such a Contract and Bond within the time set forth above, the Certified Check or Bid Bond shall be forfeited to the City as liquidated damages.

The City of Shawano Common Council reserves the right to reject any and all bids, waive any informalities in bidding, or to accept the bid or bids which best serves the interest of the City.

No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of thirty (30) days after the scheduled opening of bids without the consent of the City.

Published by the authority of the City of Shawano, Wisconsin.

BY: Rhonda Strebel, Acting Mayor
 Lesley Nemetz, City Clerk
 Scott Kroening Public Works Director

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Shawano Plan Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, March 31, 2021 at 5:00 PM at Shawano City Hall, 127 S. Sawyer St., Shawano, WI to consider the following:

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT to allow P&D Quality Auto Service (Moises & Kevin Palacios) to use garage end of building at 109 E. Fifth Street, Shawano WI for vehicle repairs per City of Shawano Municipal Code Section 10-36(3)(x) as a conditional use. The property is located in the Urban Mixed Use (UMU) zoning district. (Legal description: City of Shawano Sawyer and Andrews Plat Prt Blk25 Was Prt Lot 2 V24 CSM P216 Map #4439 was Prt Lot 1 CSM Map #4551 NKA Lot1 CSM Map #4612).

At the above time and place all interested persons will be given the opportunity to be heard.

Lesley Nemetz, City Clerk
 City of Shawano

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The Town of Lessor is requesting a bid for:

Culvert replacement and ditching with tree removal to be completed this spring on Lessor-Navarino Road from Birch Rd to pass the curve.

Inspection will occur at the site on the corner of Lessor-Navarino Rd and Birch Rd on April 2, 2021 at 9 am.

Sealed bids will be accepted up to bid opening on April 13, 2021 at 7:30 pm in the Lessor Town Hall. Bidder must provide certificate of insurance. The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive irregularities in the bidding, and to accept the bid deemed in the best interests of the Town. Please contact Delmar Zernicke with any questions at 715-758-8446. – Katie Sprangers, Clerk, N662 Hill Road, Pulaski WI 54162.

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OFFICIAL NOTICE TO BIDDERS

SEALED BIDS FOR FURNISHING:

**2021 CITY OF SHAWANO
 HOT MIX ASPHALT (HMA) PAVEMENT PROGRAM**

ESTIMATE OF QUANTITIES

Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA) Pavement 9,500 S.Y.
 Pulverize Salvage and Relay Existing Pavement and Base Course 6,400 S.Y.
 24" Concrete Curb & Gutter Replacement 950 L.F.
 Concrete Sidewalk 2,500 S.F.
 Miscellaneous Storm Sewer, Manholes and Catch Basins

Will be received by the City of Shawano in the office of the Department of Public Works, 2905 E. Richmond St., Shawano, Wisconsin, until 9:00 AM Local Time on March 26, 2021, at which time and place the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Complete sets of Bidding Documents may be obtained in PDF electronic format by download from the Quest Construction Data Network website. All bidders shall bid in accordance with and shall bid upon the Proposal Forms provided in the Contract Documents.

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Jim Starks, grand marshal for the Mooseyard St. Patrick's Day parade, waves to onlookers as his float passes by near the beginning of the parade. There were plenty of people donning green for the annual event.

Mooseyard goes green for St. Patty's Day



A naughty leprechaun provided a good scare to parade-goers March 13 during the Mooseyard St. Patrick's Day Parade in the Town of Wescott.



A parade watcher chases after the entry from the Coachlight Bar and Grill, begging for some goodies. Although candy was the main treat handed out by various parade entries, there were occasional Jell-O shots and other items for adults, as well.

PHOTOS BY LEE PULASKI • CITY EDITOR



Leprechauns walk along Lake Drive on March 13 for the annual St. Patrick's Day parade, which lasted more than a half-hour and featured almost 30 entries.



It's unclear whether shenanigans were going on aboard this float from Just Moose'n Around, despite one of the passengers wearing a shirt that said "Queen of Shenanigans." What was clear was that many were having a wonderful time during the Mooseyard St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 13.



The Mooseyard is a beloved segment of the Town of Wescott. Some parade entries — like this vehicle from Classic's Restaurant and Lounge — minimized the green and focused on the moose part of the event.

Cecil man arrested on child porn possession

A Cecil man was arrested March 16 for allegedly possessing on child pornography.

Derek B. Metzenbauer, who allegedly uses the online identity "Sid the Sloth," was taken into custody by Shawano County Sheriff's Department deputies and detectives on probable cause for 65 counts of possession of child pornography. During the course of the arrest, deputies also located marijuana and drug paraphernalia on Metzenbauer.

The arrest completes an investigation which included the execution of a search warrant on Metzenbauer's home and the forensic analysis of the recovered devices.

Metzenbauer is already on the Wisconsin Sex Offender Registry related to a conviction in North Carolina for taking indecent liberties with a child.

Metzenbauer is being held at the Shawano County Jail awaiting charges from the Shawano County District Attorney's Office. Charges will also be filed for possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

The Shawano County Sheriff's Office was assisted in this investigation by the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force, and the Wisconsin Department of Justice-Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI).

ORDINANCE NO.: 2021-01
SPONSORED BY: Village Board
INTRODUCED BY: Kay Hottenstine
SECONDED BY: Renell Bartlett

THE VILLAGE BOARD OF THE VILLAGE OF BONDUÉL, SHAWANO COUNTY, WISCONSIN, DO ORDAIN that the Municipal Code of Bonduel, Wisconsin, Chapter 30 UTILITIES, Article I., General, Section 30-6 Installing and Tapping Mains is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 30-6. – Installing and Tapping Mains.

(c) *Payment.* Payment shall be as provided in the Village municipal fee schedule.

This ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication and/or posting as provided by law.

ADOPTED: March 10, 2021
PUBLISHED: March 19, 2021

VILLAGE OF BONDUÉL, WISCONSIN
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS RFP 2021-01 BRIDGE DECK REPLACEMENT DESIGN

On March 11, 2021, the Town of Menominee, through the Menominee Co. Highway Department, issued a request for proposals for the design of two bridge deck replacements, including possible wing wall replacement, slope protection, and beam guard replacement. The deadline to submit a proposal is April 15, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. CST. Any late proposals will be rejected. A copy of the RFP can be found on Menominee County's website at www.co.menominee.wi.us (News and Events link) or by contacting Menominee County Highway at 715-799-3369.

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Advertisement for Proposals

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Shawano, Department of Public Works at 2905 E. Richmond Street, Shawano, Wisconsin, 54166, up to 11:00 A.M. on Friday, March 26, 2021 for the following equipment:

One 2020 or newer 3/4 Ton 2-Door Regular Cab Pick Up Truck 4x4 with composite service body for 3/4 ton pick-up with box delete.

Proposals shall be submitted on forms provided by the City of Shawano. Copies of same, along with specifications may be obtained at the City of Shawano, Department of Public Works, 2905 E. Richmond Street, Shawano, Wisconsin, 54166. Any proposal submitted after the date and time specified will be rejected.

City of Shawano
Department of Public Works

Scott Kroening
Public Works Director

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OFFICIAL NOTICE TO BIDDERS

SEALED BIDS FOR FURNISHING:

2021 CITY OF SHAWANO
CDBG WAUKECHON STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

ESTIMATE OF QUANTITIES

Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA) Pavement 8,500 S.Y.
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The Contract shall be subject to Section 66.0903 of the Wisconsin Statutes pertaining to municipal wage scales and Federal Davis-Bacon wage rates.

Attention of bidders is particularly called to the requirements as to conditions of employment to be observed and minimum wage rates to be paid under contract, Section 3, Segregated Facility, Section 109 and E.O. 11246.

The contract awarded under this Advertisement for Bids will be funded in part by a grant from the Community Development Block Grant Program.

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BY: Rhonda Strebel, Acting Mayor
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Scott Kroening, Public Works Director

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Shawano council OKs \$4.6M in borrowing

Money will pay for capital improvement, tax increment district projects

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

The Shawano Common Council approved \$4.6 million in borrowing on March 10 to accommodate capital improvement projects and projects taking place in the tax increment districts.

The general obligation promissory notes that will finance the city's borrowing are being sold to Robert W. Baird and Co., headquartered in Milwaukee. Brad Viegut, a spokesman for the company, noted that this is a very good time for the city to be borrowing because of low interest rates — Shawano is expected to pay a 1.24% interest rate on the \$4.6 million.

Viegut noted that the interest rate was only 0.09% higher than when it was first proposed to the city in February.

"That was just a function of market movement," Viegut said.

The city has an A-plus rating through Standard and Poor's, which Viegut noted was a good place for Shawano to be, but the city could take other actions to get an even higher rating, like AA-minus.

One of those actions recommended was to formalize its accounting and bidding procedures. The council also approved an ordinance that took what the city had been working under via unwritten rules and made them permanent, cemented procedures.

Viegut said there was also a rec-

ommendation to increase the city's reserve funds. He noted the city is already taking steps to make that happen.

"You're on a trend where, when we come back in 2023 for your next financing, you might have a strong argument for Standard and Poor's to get to that next rating," Viegut said. "The higher the bond rating, the lower the interest rates that the city will pay on the debt."

The funds will be sent to the city on April 1 and repaid over a 10-year period, according to Viegut. He is recommending that the city also considering future borrowings of \$3.6 million every other year to accommodate future projects.

"We've got a plan developed where your long-term debt payments are going to level off, even with semi-annual financing of \$3.6 million," Viegut said. "The city is on a really good track here in terms of its debt management."

Acting Mayor Rhonda Strebel praised the city staff and administration for the steps being taken to allow for responsible borrowing that manages to keep the city's repayment costs down.

"Over the last few years, there have really been some substantial changes to the financial structure for the city, and it's really showing up in a lot of ways," Strebel said.

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Menominee Tribe relinquishes naming rights to arena in Oshkosh

The enterprises of the Menominee Indian Tribe — Menominee Casino Resort and Menominee Tribal Enterprises have decided to not continue the naming rights agreement, with Fox Valley Pro Basketball, owner and operator of the Menominee Nation Arena in Oshkosh.

As of April, the tribe will no longer have the naming rights to the arena. This recent year has required many adjustments and modifications

of how tribal businesses operate, according to a tribal press release. Menominee Casino Resort and Menominee Tribal Enterprises have made the decision to step back from their partnership with the arena and focus on their primary operations.

The gaming and wood products enterprises entered into a naming rights agreement for the Menominee Nation Arena in 2017, when the arena first opened.

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Clintonville police arrest man following standoff

A standoff with a man in Clintonville ended without incident, and charges could be forthcoming this week.

The Clintonville Police Department received a phone call at 4:06 p.m. on March 15 from a person who resides in the 100 block of Lincoln Avenue, according to Police Chief Freitag. The frantic caller reported there was someone inside who was throwing and breaking things, noting there was blood in the residence and children were present.

Officers arrived at the location and heard yelling from inside the residence, according to Freitag, and blood was found inside. Two children were immediately taken from the house safely, Freitag said.

Officers encountered a man on the stairs who was bleeding and had armed himself with broken glass. Freitag said the man then proceeded upstairs. The man allegedly told of-

ficers he had a gun and was going to shoot them.

Freitag said the man stayed in contact with officers but refused to obey orders. Law enforcement was unable to confirm if the man had other weapons, he said.

The man and a woman surrendered to the police shortly after the Waupaca County SWAT team arrived on scene.

The male subject was booked into jail for a parole warrant. Once reports are completed there will be additional charges regarding this incident. Freitag did not report any charges for the woman.

The Clintonville Police Department was assisted by the Marion Police Department, Waupaca County Sheriff's Office, Waupaca County SWAT, Clintonville Fire Department, Clintonville Area EMS, and Waupaca County Health and Human Services.

Bonduel schools offering in-person summer program

This summer, the Bonduel School District will offer all students, free of charge, an academic approach to learning at its 2021 summer school.

The summer school will run five days per week from 8 a.m. to noon beginning June 14 and concluding July 16. There will be no school July 2-5, and summer school sessions will be held in person.

Bonduel's summer program will provide an opportunity for students to experience academics and activities during the summer months. This will give students the chance to review and apply previously learned skills and knowledge and prepare for the school year ahead. The educational goals are comprised of courses with hands-on instruction centered in language arts, math, social studies, science,

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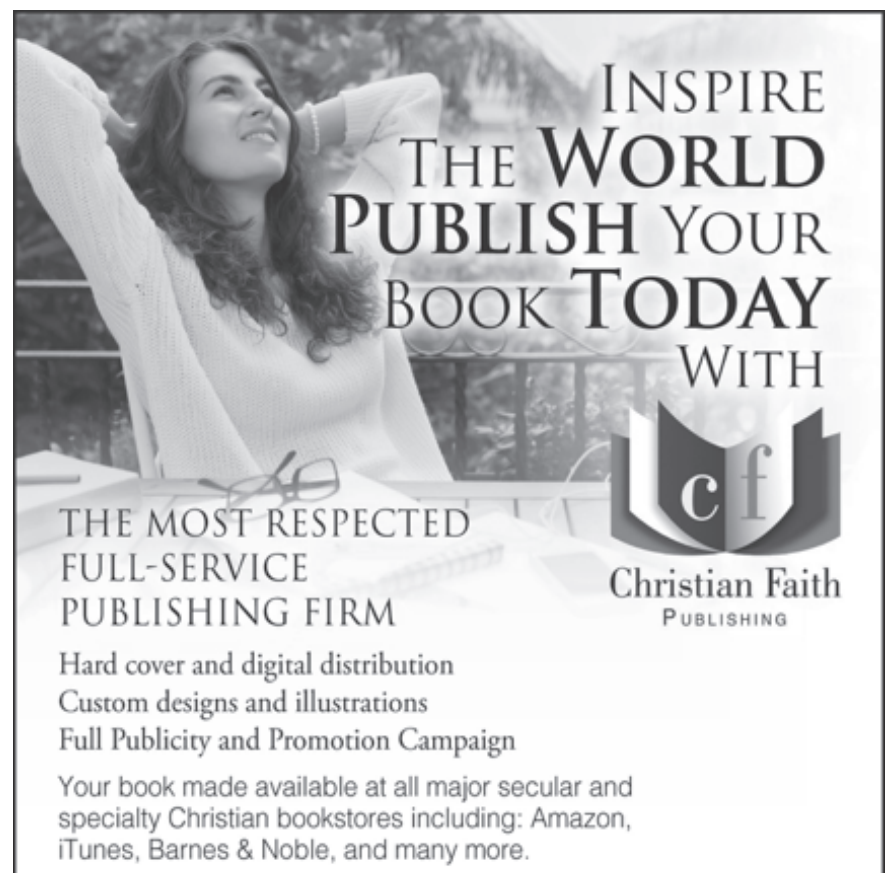


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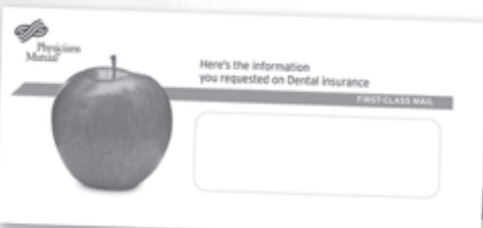
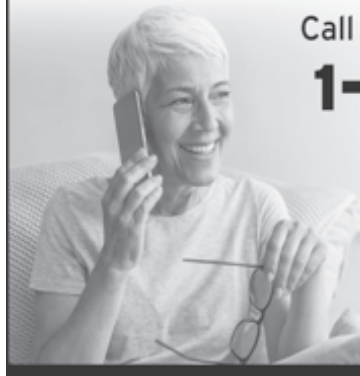
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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Bonduel's Robaidek makes CWC-East boys 1st team

3 other Bonduel players and coach, plus 2 Menominee Indian players also honored

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

Bonduel High School senior Carson Robaidek ended his career on a high note after being named to the Central Wisconsin Conference-East Division first team unanimously.

Robaidek averaged a team-leading 14.7 points, 4.7 assists and 2.4 steals during CWC-East play for Bonduel. He also averaged 6.2 rebounds per game.

"Winning first team all-conference unanimous really means a lot to me because of the work I put in this offseason," said Robaidek. "Also, it really means a lot because it shows that the other coaches in the conference respect me and the way I play."

Robaidek intends to play basketball at Wisconsin Lutheran College in the coming years.

"The most I'm going to miss about high school basketball is just hanging out with my teammates before and after games and celebrating in the locker room after big wins," said Robaidek. "The family that is created throughout the season is unreal and amazing. I will forever remember this season and the last four years. It has been so much fun."

Bonduel had three other players honored. Noah Weier made the second team after an impressive freshman season, while senior Garrett Engel and junior Reece Stoltenow each were honorable mentions.

Weier finished second on Bonduel in points per game (14.1) in conference play. He also averaged 5.5 rebounds, 1.9 assists and 1.2 steals.

Weier knocked down a team-leading 29 3-pointers in the team's 11 conference games.

"It motivates me to keep achieving my goals and getting better," said Weier of earning an all-conference spot. "This was a good start to my high school career and I plan to keep reaching my goals in the future."

Stoltenow was another key to Bonduel's 3-point attack, burying 21 triples in conference play. He averaged 8.7 points per game.

The junior also averaged 4.4 re-

bounds, 2 assists and 1 steal.

"Being honorable mention is an honor but it still means that there is more work to be put in this summer," said Stoltenow. "Our goal is to win conference once again next year and I will have to step up more next year as we lose four seniors. It is very cool but there is still room to improve and big steps to be made."

Engel averaged 10.5 points per conference clash and hit 22 3-pointers.

The senior was second on the team with 2.5 assists and 1.3 steals per game.

"What I am going to cherish most about the last four years of basketball is the brotherhood with every single one of my teammates and the respect for my coaches," said Engel. "We went through so many ups and downs and we continued to battle."

"I will never forget the way Coach (Duke) Copp treated me as a player and as an individual. Some may say I got yelled at a lot, which I could take, and coach Copp knew it. He told me a good quote nearing the end of last year and it stuck with me — 'I only yell at you because I care, if I didn't yell at you, I gave up.'"

Copp was named the conference's Coach of the Year after leading the Bears to a 9-2 mark in CWC-East action. Bonduel finished a win ahead of Iola-Scandinavia and Shiocton (8-2), but all three shared the conference title with their two losses.

The Bears lost their first conference matchup before winning their next eight. Bonduel then lost to Shiocton, but bounced back with a win over Shiocton just three days later.

"I feel the Coach of the Year deal is really a reflection on the team success and how well our kids played and competed this year," said Copp. "They were fantastic kids to coach and be around. We also have a great coaching staff who contribute and help in so many ways. Ultimate team thing!"

Menominee Indian

Junior Andre Corn and Isaiah Moss each represented Menominee Indian on the honorable mention team.

In the team's 12 conference match-



Bonduel's Carson Robaidek drives to the basket during a Central Wisconsin Conference-East Division victory over Iola-Scandinavia on Feb. 1 in Bonduel. Robaidek was named to the CWC-East first team unanimously after a strong senior season.

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ups — in which the team went 2-10 — the duo combined for 19.6 points per game. Corn led the team at 10.2 points per game, while Moss added 9.4.

Corn also averaged 5.1 rebounds, 1.5 assists and 1.2 steals per contest.

"It means a lot to me. This year was a tough year for myself dealing with the passing of my grandmother Clare Corn who had inspired me and motivated me every single day," said Corn. "I would show up to practice every day just looking to get better and better."

In conference play, Moss averaged

4.7 rebounds, 2.2 assists and 1.6 steals per conference game.

"This my first year of varsity and to be all-conference honorable mention is a blessing to me," said Moss. "This honor will motivate me to keep giving it my all and keep getting better as an athlete. It also gives me confidence that if I keep working hard, being a team player and be consistent, I'll achieve great things. I'd also like to mention my teammates and coaching staff, they also motivate me."

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HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING

10 Shawano wrestlers make all-conference team

Timm, Popp, Young,
Herm went undefeated
to make 1st team

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Shawano Community High School wrestling team had 10 wrestlers named to an all-conference team after a dominant run through the Bay Conference this winter.

Shawano finished 6-0 in its conference duals to win its third consecutive Bay title.

Senior Gage Timm, junior Andrew Popp, sophomore Caden Young and freshman Drake Herm all earned spots on the first team after going 6-0 in conference action.

Four of Timm's wins were by pin, with the other two coming by forfeit.

"Just thinking about helping the team and getting as many points as possible to get," said Timm of his approach to conference matches. "Also with not having many matches this year, making each one count."

It was the second straight season that Timm has been undefeated in Bay matches.

"Doing this the last two years means a lot," said Timm. "Being able to be one of the best wrestlers in the conference to end high school wrestling was amazing and getting the three-peat as a team was even better."

Timm capped the season wrestling at the Division 1 individual state tournament, taking sixth place at the 195-pound weight class.

Popp pinned the one conference opponent he faced this season, earning forfeit wins in the other five.

"Being first team all-conference this year motivates me to do the same next year, because I don't want to achieve less as I get older," said Popp. "I want to strive to get better with each year."

Among Young's six conference wins, two were by decision, two more by forfeit, one by pin and the last by technical fall.

"My mindset going into those conference matches is to go out there and score as many points as possible — not only for myself but for the team. They expected bonus points out of me every



Shawano's Gage Timm, top, wrestles during a nonconference dual against Kiel on Dec. 29 in Shawano. Timm landed on the Bay Conference first team for the second straight season. FILE | NEW MEDIA

match, and that's what I would try to get each time," said Young.

Herm was dominant in his six conference matches, claiming five by pin. He got the other win by forfeit.

"Being first team all-conference is an honor, but for me it is just a start at what I want to do in my high school career," said Herm. "I am confident that if I keep working and learning, I will fulfill all of my dreams as a wrestler."

Herm, Young and Popp all made it to sectionals before the end of their seasons.

Shawano's other six all-conference wrestlers made the second team.

Seniors Wyatt Brandt, Carter Schmidt and Colten Herm all made the list after going 5-1 in Bay matches. Junior Damien Wudtke went 4-1, while juniors Noah Jones and Jackson Smits each were 3-1 to also make the second team.

Brandt earned three wins by pin,

another by technical fall and the last one by forfeit. He went on to place fifth at state at the 126-pound weight class.

Schmidt had two victories by pin to go along with one each by decision, technical fall and forfeit.

Herm earned two wins by pin and two more by forfeit, with the final one by decision.

Wudtke recorded two conference wins by pin, another by decision and the other by forfeit. He too made it to state, competing in the 113 weight class.

Jones earned all three of his Bay wins by decisions, while Smits picked up pins in all his wins.

Jones was one of nine Hawks to compete at sectionals as individuals, with four ultimately going on to state. Shawano followed its dominant conference showing by winning the first regional title in school history.

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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Cerveny named Co-Player of Year in CWC-North

3 other Wildcats and coach, plus 2 Marion players honored

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

Gresham High School's Valarie Cerveny was named the Co-Player of the Year in the Central Wisconsin Conference-North Division after a big junior year on the girls basketball court.

"Being a junior and being named conference Co-Player of the Year, I feel very honored," said Cerveny, who split the honor with Northland Lutheran's Brooke Neumann. "I would never have been able to receive this honor if it wasn't for my teammates."

Cerveny played in nine of Gresham's 10 conference games, averaging 15.1 points, 7.8 rebounds, 4 assists and 2 blocks, all of which led the team. She also averaged 2.1 steals per contest.

"Looking forward to next year, I'm gonna set higher goals, not only for myself, but for my team also," said Cerveny. "I'm also going to work harder and focus to make myself a better player."

Gresham junior Hannah Cerveny also made the first team.

She averaged 13.3 points, 3.8 rebounds and a team-leading 3.4 steals.

"It means a lot to me and I am really honored to make first team all-conference," said Cerveny. "This will motivate me to keep doing my best and keep trying to get better and help my team succeed."

Gresham senior Kaylee Bohm and freshman Maddie Haffner landed on the honorable mention list.



Gresham's Valarie Cerveny, left, drives to the basket during a Central Wisconsin Conference-North Division clash against Manawa on Feb. 2 in Gresham. Cerveny was tabbed the conference's Co-Player of the Year.

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Haffner finished the conference portion of the season averaging 9 points, 5.7 rebounds, 2.7 assists and 2.6 steals per game.

"It is a huge honor and something that I didn't expect to happen," said Haffner. "I am very grateful for the opportunity to play with the team that I had."

Bohm tallied 7.1 points, 5.9 rebounds, 3.3 steals and 1.5 blocks per conference game in her final high school season.

"I am going to remember a lot from being a part of this team," said Bohm. "I am going to look back on being named conference and regional champions. This team and the coaches worked hard and deserved

that opportunity.

"I am also going to remember the camaraderie and love among the team. We were a very close team, with very enthusiastic coaches, Newell Haffner and Rich Belongia, who saw the potential each individual had."

Gresham (8-2) shared the conference crown with Manawa and Northland Lutheran (7-2). The Wildcats went on to win a Division 5 regional title before being bounced in a sectional semifinal game to eventual state runner-up Three Lakes.

Gresham's Newell Haffner was named the conference's Coach of the Year.

"Honestly, it was a surprise," said Haffner of the honor. "I have been

coaching 22 years and I never expect to be a Coach of the Year. All coaches are there to help their teams to get better. Every year, I think all of the coaches in our conference work hard with the athletes that they have.

"I commented to a friend of mine that 'coaches get too much credit and too much blame' for a season. The athletes are the ones who work hard and win a conference and regional title. I just guide and encourage them to work hard and get better each day. It is a great honor to be picked Coach of the Year by my coaching peers in our conference."

Marion

Marion had two players — sophomore Kelsey Zillmer and freshman Savannah Ross — earn honorable mention status this winter.

Zillmer averaged 2.9 points, 6.4 rebounds, 1.3 steals and 2.6 blocks during conference play, where Marion finished 0-9.

"Being named all-conference honorable mention as a sophomore is a great achievement I've made and will help me to work even harder next year," said Zillmer. "It gives me more confidence to work in the offseason also."

Ross averaged 4.1 points, 8.2 rebounds and 3 steals in her first high school season.

"What being named to the all-conference honorable mention team means to me is that I really worked hard on and off the court, that I got noticed by not just family and friends," said Ross. "This honor will motivate me next year to continue to practice hard even at home and to continue to put my all in every game and practice."

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HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

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VOLLEYBALL

Gresham 3

Menominee Indian 0

Gresham improved to 3-0 in the alternate fall season after sweeping Menominee Indian by scores of 25-17,

ONLINE

Video highlights from the Gresham, Tigerton match on March 9 and this week's recreation scoreboard can be found at www.newmedia-wi.com.

25-12, 25-20 on March 11 in Gresham.

Makayla Belongia finished with 10 digs and six kills for Gresham,

while Valarie Cerveney tallied 11 kills and 10 service points. Hannah Cerveney recorded 18 assists, and Addi Boucher had 10 service points.

Gresham 3

Tigerton 0

Gresham swept Tigerton on March 9 in Tigerton, winning by

scores of 25-21, 25-15, 26-24.

Valarie Cerveney finished with 14 kills and 12 service points to lead Gresham, while Hannah Cerveney had 19 assists and 16 digs. Kalayla Tucker tallied 13 service points, while Makayla Belongia finished with 12 digs. Chloe Bohl recorded eight kills.

COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Des Moines Area

Gresham High School graduate Christian Haffner and the Des Moines Area Community College (Iowa) men's basketball team continued their strong season with two more wins last week.

In a 78-74 victory over Iowa Lakes Community College on March 10, Haffner contributed 16 points. He made three 3-pointers, four total field goals and five free throws. Haffner also posted four rebounds, two assists and a steal in 32 minutes of action.

In a 74-66 victory over Ellsworth Community College (Iowa) on

March 13, Haffner tallied five points, two assists, a rebound and a block.

St. Norbert

Bonduel graduate Noah Beilfuss pitched during a St. Norbert College baseball game last week.

Beilfuss got a pair of outs without surrendering a run during the team's 10-9 win over Wisconsin Lutheran College on March 13. He allowed a hit but also struck out a batter.

Edgewood

Gresham grad Mackenzie Hoffman and the Edgewood College softball team finished 1-3 over a pair of doubleheaders last week.

In a 5-4 win in the first game of a doubleheader against Dominican University (Illinois) on March 13, Hoffman drove in a run and also walked and scored a run. In the second game that day, a 3-2 loss for Edgewood, the Gresham graduate scored a run.

In another doubleheader against Dominican on March 14, Hoffman walked, scored a run and reached on an error in an 8-4 loss in game one. Edgewood lost 12-2 in the second game.

Hamline

Shawano graduate Peyton Buerman came up short in her singles and doubles matches while com-

peting for the Hamline University (Minnesota) women's tennis team during a 9-0 loss to Minnesota State University on March 14.

Buerman and her doubles partner dropped a tight 8-6 match at No. 3 doubles. The Shawano grad was defeated 6-1, 6-2 in her No. 6 singles match.

Rockhurst

Shawano grad Averì Vomastic helped the Rockhurst University (Missouri) volleyball team to two wins last weekend.

In a 25-18, 25-17, 25-21 sweep over the University of Illinois Springfield on March 13, Vomastic led the team with 13 attack kills. She also had five digs.

In a 22-25, 25-20, 25-21, 25-22 comeback win that same day, Vomastic contributed eight attack kills, four digs, six block assists and a solo block.

Bryant & Stratton

Shawano graduate Bayleigh Laabs turned in several strong games during a busy week for the Bryant & Stratton softball team last week.

In the first game of a doubleheader against William Penn University (Iowa) on March 8, Laabs had three hits — including a double, an RBI and a run scored in a 7-0 win. In an 8-2 win in game

two, the Shawano grad had one hit and a run batted in.

Bryant & Stratton was swept by Lake-Sumter State College (Florida) on March 9. In a 7-3 loss, Laabs doubled and homered among her three hits. In a 5-4 loss, she homered again and also walked.

Bryant & Stratton lost two games to Indian River State College (Florida) on March 10. Laabs had a hit in an 11-0 loss, while adding a hit and walking once in a 7-2 loss.

Laabs drove in a run and walked once in a 6-5 loss in the first game of a doubleheader against St. Petersburg College (Florida) on March 11. She doubled in a run in a 9-3 loss in game two.

In the team's final game of the week, a 3-1 victory over Eastern Florida State College on March 13, Laabs had a hit and RBI.

UW-Madison

Shawano grad Brandi Gueths competed in a pair of races for the UW-Madison women's rowing team at the Cardinal Invitational on March 13-14 in Tennessee.

Gueths was on the Wisconsin varsity eight team that placed second in 6:18.971, just behind Virginia (6:15.442), on March 13.

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The entire successful bid price must be paid to the United States Clerk of District Court, Eastern District of Wisconsin, within 30 days of the sale or the sale will be disapproved and the earnest money forfeited.
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All subject to accrued and accruing real estate taxes and existing real estate tax liens of record.
All subject to existing highways, recorded easements and recorded restrictions, if any.
Dated at Milwaukee, this 24th day of February, 2021.
s/Anna M. Ruzinski
ANNA M. RUZINSKI
United States Marshal
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#1729
March 5, 12, 19 & 26, 2021
Project No. 15058-000
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION
BOST2 Hydroelectric LLC
**NOTICE OF PRELIMINARY PERMIT APPLICATION
ACCEPTED FOR FILING AND SOLICITING COMMENTS,
MOTIONS TO INTERVENE, AND COMPETING
APPLICATIONS**

(February 12, 2021)
On December 1, 2020, BOST2 Hydroelectric LLC filed an application for a preliminary permit, pursuant to section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act (FPA), proposing to study the feasibility of the Shawno County Pump Storage Project to be located near the Embarrass River and the Village of Tigerton, in Shawano County, Wisconsin. The sole purpose of a preliminary permit, if issued, is to grant the permit holder priority to file a license application during the permit term. A preliminary permit does not authorize the permit holder to perform any land-disturbing activities or otherwise enter upon lands or waters owned by others without the owners' express permission.
The proposed project would consist of the following: (1) a upper circular reservoir with a surface area of 120 acres at a maximum normal pool elevation of 967 feet to 1,017 feet mean sea level (msl); (2) a lower 115,000-foot-long reservoir consisting of eight concentric circular tunnels with varying diameters of approximately 5,400 feet to 4,200 feet at a maximum normal water surface elevation of 1,091 feet msl; (3) a 2,800-foot-long, 16-foot-diameter steel-lined penstock; (4) a 200-foot-long by 70-foot-wide by 130-foot-high powerhouse containing two 333-megawatt (MW) pump/turbines for a total project capacity of 666 MW; (5) a 240-foot-long by 50-foot-wide by 40-foot-high transformer gallery; (6) a 200-foot-long by 200-foot-wide substation; (7) a 200 to 500-foot-long 345-kilovolt transmission line; and (7) appurtenant facilities. The estimated annual generation of the Shawno Pump Storage Project would be 1,450 gigawatt-hours.
Applicant Contact: Mr. Douglas Spalding, c/o Nelson Energy, 8441 Wayzata Boulevard, Suite101, Golden Valley, MN 55426; phone: (952) 544-8133
FERC Contact: Tyrone Williams; phone: (202) 502-6331.
Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, competing applications (without notices of intent), or notices of intent to file competing applications: 60 days from the issuance of this notice. Competing applications and notices of intent must meet the requirements of 18 CFR 4.36.
The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments, motions to intervene, notices of intent, and competing applications using the Commission's eFiling system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). In lieu of electronic filing, you may submit a paper copy. Submissions sent via the U.S. Postal Service must be addressed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426. Submissions sent via any other carrier must be addressed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852. The first page of any filing should include docket number P-15058-000.
More information about this project, including a copy of the application, can be viewed or printed on the "eLibrary" link of Commission's website at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>. Enter the docket number (P-15058) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.
Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.
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March 19, 2021
Date Published Notice of Public Sale Sunday April 11th, 2021 11AM. Bidding is on complete contents of Units: Peter Briggs, 283 St. Augustine Rd., Colgate, WI 53017, Unit 414
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#1730
March 5, 12 7 19, 2021
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
SHAWANO COUNTY
Notice to Creditors
(Informal Administration)
Case No. 21PR16
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
Julieanna Gretz
DOD November 9, 2020
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE
1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth September 15, 1943 and date of death November 9, 2020, was domiciled in Shawano County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of W18803 Phoebe Lane, Biramwood, WI 54414.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is June 18, 2021.
5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano County Courthouse, Shawano, Wisconsin, Room 202. Register in Probate office.
J. Edison Woods, Jr.
208 W. Green Bay Street
Shawano, WI 54166
Bar No. 1013125
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#1731
March 5, 12, & 19, 2021
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
SHAWANO COUNTY
Notice to Creditors
(Informal Administration)
Case No. 21PR15
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
Janice M. Strzelecki
DOD 1/20/21
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE
1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 8/8/1943 and date of death 1/20/21, was domiciled in Shawano County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of W626 State Hwy 160, Pulaski, WI 54162.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is June 11, 2021.
5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano County Courthouse, Shawano, Wisconsin, Room 202 Register in Probate.
James E. Lewis, Lewis & Van Sickle, LLC
2149 Velp Avenue, Ste 206
Green Bay, WI 54303
920-434-9977
Bar No. 1025450
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#1745
March 19, 26 & April 2, 2021
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
SHAWANO COUNTY
**Order Setting Time to Hear Petition for special
Administration
(Formal Administration)
Case No. 21PR4**

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:
Carol J. Jones
A petition for Appointment of a Special Administrator was filed.
THE COURT FINDS:
The decedent, with date of birth 4/20/1940 and date of death 11/10/2020 was domiciled in Shawano County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of W5656 Lake Dr. # 7A Shawano, WI 54166
1. The petition be heard at the Shawano County Courhous, Shawano, Wisconsin, Room Branch II, before Hon. William F. Kussel, Jr., Court Official, on April 19, 2021 at 9:00 am.
You do not need to appear unless you object. The petition may be granted if there is no objection.
2. Notice by publication is required.
Publication of this notice is notice to any interested persons whose names od addresses are unknown.
I you require accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 715-526-8631 prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court date does not provide transportation.
Please check with the person below for exact time and date.
Atty. David L Forsythe
PO Box 215 Iola, WI 54945
715-445-2511
Bar No. 1012182
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#1732
March 12, 19, & 26, 2021
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
SHAWANO COUNTY
**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
Case No. 17-CV-000283**
Plaintiff,
PennyMac Loan Services, LLC
vs.
Defendants.
William S. Romo and Lucinda L. Romo
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that by virtue of a judgment of foreclosure entered on April 10, 2018 in the amount of \$77,273.36 the Sheriff will sell the described premises at public auction as follows:
TIME: April 14, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.
TERMS: Pursuant to said judgment, 10% of the successful bid must be paid to the sheriff at the sale in cash, cashier's check or certified funds, payable to the clerk of courts (personal checks cannot and will not be accepted). The balance of the successful bid must be paid to the clerk of courts in cash, cashier's check or certified funds no later than ten days after the court's confirmation of the sale or else the 10% down payment is forfeited to the plaintiff. The property is sold 'as is' and subject to all liens and encumbrances.
PLACE: In the front lobby of the Shawano County Courthouse, City and County of Shawano
DESCRIPTION: That part of Government Lot 1 in Section 30, Township 27 North, Range 18 East, in the Town of Green Valley, Shawano County Wisconsin, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the Northwest corner of said Section 30, thence South along the Town line, 128 feet; thence East 241 feet; thence South 48 feet; thence East 120 feet; thence North 176 feet to the North line of said Section; thence West along the North line of said Section, to the place of beginning.
PROPERTY ADDRESS: W2467 County Rd E Cecil, WI 54111-9300
DATED: February 23, 2021
Adam Bieber
Shawano County Sheriff
Gray & Associates, L.L.P.
Attorneys for Plaintiff
16345 West Glendale Drive
New Berlin, WI 53151-2841
(414) 224-8404
Please go to www.gray-law.com to obtain the bid for this sale
Gray & Associates, L.L.P. is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. If you have previously received a discharge in a chapter 7 bankruptcy case, this communication should not be construed as an attempt to hold you personally liable for the debt.
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#1740
March 19, 26 & April 2, 2021
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
SHAWANO COUNTY
Case No. 2020CV000145
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
Plaintiff:
NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing
-v.s.-
Defendants:
Gerald R. Hoffman, et al.
By virtue of a judgment of foreclosure made in the above-entitled action on January 4, 2021 in the amount of \$70,060.88, I will sell at public auction, located at in the main lobby of the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N. Main Street, Shawano, WI 54166 on **April 14, 2021 at 9:00 AM**, all of the following described premises, to wit:
LOT 10 IN BLOCK 7 OF WESCOTT AND KUCKUK'S ADDITION TO THE CITY OF SHAWANO, SHAWANO COUNTY, WISCONSIN, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF.
Street address: 922 S. River Street, Shawano, WI 54166
Tax Key No. 281-853000520
THE PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD AD IS AND SUBJECT TO ANY AND ALL REAL ESTATE TAXES, SUPERIOR LIENS OR OTHER LEGAL ENCUMBRANCES.
TERMS OF SALE: CSH, CASHIER'S CHECK, or CERTIFIED FUNDS, payable to the Clerk of Courts (10% down payment at sale, balance due within ten (10) days of Court approval; down payment to be forfeited if payment not received timely). Buyer must comply with minimum bidder qualifications as set forth in Wis. Stat. 846.155. Buyer to pay applicable Wisconsin Real Estate Transfer Tax in addition to the purchase price.
Adam C. Bieber
Sheriff of Shawano County, Wisconsin
Codlils, Moody & Circelli, P.C.
Attorneys for Plaintiff
414-775-7700
Bar No. 50-20-00062
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In The Classifieds
715-526-6188

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#1738
March 12 & 19, 2021
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
SHAWANO COUNTY
Case No. 21SC22

Small Claims Publication Summons and Notice
Plaintiff(s):
Joseph Robert Cary
W3183 Frazer Corner Road
Bonduel, WI 54107
-v.-
Defendant(s):
Andrew E Netzer
N2482 Lawn Road
Pulaski, WI 54162
**Publication Summons and Notice of Filing
TO THE PERSON(S) NAMED ABOVE AS DEFENDANT(S):**
You are being sued by the person(s) named above as Plaintiff(s). A copy of the claim has been sent to you at your address as stated in the caption above.
The lawsuit will be heard in the following small claims court:
Shawano County Courthouse
Telephone Number of clerk of court: 715-526-9347
Courtroom/Room Number: Branch 2
Address: 311 North Main Street
Shawano, WI 54166
Date: March 25, 2021
Time: 10:30 AM

If you do not attend the hearing, the court may enter a judgment against you in favor of the person(s) suing you. A copy of the claim has been sent to you at your address as stated in the caption above. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate (property) you own now or in the future, and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property.
You may have the option to Answer without appearing in court on the court date by filing a written Answer with the clerk of court **before** the court date. You must send a copy of your Answer to the Plaintiff(s) named above at their address. You may contact the clerk of court at the telephone number above to determine if there are other methods to answer a Small Claims complaint in that county.
Joseph R. Cary
3/5/2021
920-615-5404
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#1739
March 19, 26 & April 2, 2021
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
SHAWANO COUNTY
Case No. 21CV35

Notice and Order for Name Change Hearing
In the Matter of the Name Change of:
Nathan Milton Prtri
By (petitioner) Nathan Milton Petri
Notice is Given:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
From: Nathan Milton Petri
To: Nathan Milton Muller
Birth Certificate: Nathan Milton Petri
It is Ordered:
This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Shawano County, State of Wisconsin:
Judge's Name: William F Kussel Jr
Place: Shawano Co. Courthouse Branch 2
Shawano WI 54166
Date: 4/19/2021
Time: 8:15 AM
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#1741
March 19, 26 & April 2, 2021
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
SHAWANO COUNTY
Case No. 2020CV000114
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Plaintiff:
Freedom Mortgage Corporation
-v.-
Defendants:
Barbara J. King, et al.
By virtue of a judgment of foreclosure made in the above-entitled action on December 14, 2020 in the amount of \$202,491.54, I will sell at public auction, located at in the main lobby of the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N. Main Street, Shawano, WI 54166 on **April 14, 2021 at 9:00 AM**, all of the following described premises, to wit:
LOT 63 IN SOUTH VIEW ACRES IV, CITY OF SHAWANO, SHAWANO COUNTY, WISCONSIN, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF.

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Street address: 1175 East Ridlington Avenue, Shawano WI 54166
Tax Key No. 281755000010
THE PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD AD IS AND SUBJECT TO ANY AND ALL REAL ESTATE TAXES, SUPERIOR LIENS OR OTHER LEGAL ENCUMBRANCES.
TERMS OF SALE: CSH, CASHIER'S CHECK, or CERTIFIED FUNDS, payable to the Clerk of Courts (10% down payment at sale, balance due within ten (10) days of Court approval; down payment to be forfeited if payment not received timely). Buyer must comply with minimum bidder qualifications as set forth in Wis. Stat. 846.155. Buyer to pay applicable Wisconsin Real Estate Transfer Tax in addition to the purchase price.
Adam C. Bieber
Sheriff of Shawano County, Wisconsin
Codillis, Moody & Circelli, P.C.
Attorneys for Plaintiff
414-775-7700
Bar No. 50-20-00062
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#1742
March 19, 26 & April 2, 2021
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
SHAWANO COUNTY
Notice to Creditors
(Informal Administration)
Case No. 21PR 17
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

Bonnie Lee Tieg
DOD 12/31/2020
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE
1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 7/5/1942 and date of death 12/31/2020, was domiciled in Shawano County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of N5145 Church Rd., Tigerton, WI 54486.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate 7/5/2021
5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano County Courthouse, Shawano, Wisconsin, Room 202.
James W. Zimmermann
3137 Fiesta Dr.
Dunedin, FL 34697
272-580-3879
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#1743
March 19, 26 & April 2, 2021
In re potential claims against
MAURICE JURY
Deceased
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Dated; March 9, 2021
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
1. The decedent, Maurice Jury, died on January 5, 2021.
2. The decedent had a date of birth of May 19, 1920 and was domiciled at W7422 River Bend Road in Shawano, Wisconsin.
3. The Trustee is publishing this notice in accordance with Wis. Stats. /701.0508 to limit the times claims may be filed against the decedent.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent is April 20, 2021.
5. A claim may be made by sending notice in writing to State Bank of Cross Plains, in care of Jennifer Sheahan, 455 South Junction Road, Suite 100, Madison, WI 53719.
Daniel J. Krause, trustee's Attorney
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#1744
March 19 & 26, 2021
Notice of Public Hearing
Planning, Development and Zoning Committee Meeting
Wednesday, April 7, 2021 @ 9:00 AM
Shawano County Courthouse, Rooms A, B & C
Members: Ken Capelle, Kevin Conradt, Steven Gueths, Gene Hoppe, Kathy Luebke

CU-1-21: Randy R and Diane M Lohff request conditional use permit for filling and grading on slopes of more than 20% within 300 feet of the ordinary high water mark of Shawano Lake for the purpose of razing an existing single family dwelling and construction of a new single family dwelling with attached garage pursuant to the Shawano County Shoreland Wetland Zoning Ordinance No. 6-16, Section 8.21(1); and also conditional use permit for the replacement of approximately 250 cubic yards of fill on parcel pursuant to the Shawano County Zoning Ordinance No. 7-14, Section X.9.03(120) (c). Property is located and described as Lot 4 of Seidlars Plat of Maple Beach located in Section 25, T27N R16E. Tax parcel #044-80100-0030. Town of Washington. Property address: W5284 E Sandy Drive
CU-2-21: Jeremy Gretzinger, Gretzinger Landscaping, agent for Timothy J and Sharon A Renard Family Trust, owner, request conditional use permit for filling and grading of more than 2,000 square feet on slopes less than 12% within 300 feet of the ordinary high water mark of Shawano Lake

COLLEGE NOTES

Georgia Southern University
Georgia Southern University recently recognized approximately 2,420 students on the Fall 2020 President's List. Ashley Pantalone of Bonduel has been named to the

list for excellence in academics. To be eligible for the president's list, a student must have at least a 4.0 grade point average and carry a minimum of 12 hours for the semester.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
RFP 2021-01 BRIDGE DECK REPLACEMENT DESIGN

On March 11, 2021, the Town of Menominee, through the Menominee Co. Highway Department, issued a request for proposals for the design of two bridge deck replacements, including possible wing wall replacement, slope protection, and beam guard replacement. The deadline to submit a proposal is April 15, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. CST. Any late proposals will be rejected. A copy of the RFP can be found on Menominee County's website at www.co.menominee.wi.us (News and Events link) or by contacting Menominee County Highway at 715-799-3369.

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Advertisement for Proposals

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Shawano, Department of Public Works at 2905 E. Richmond Street, Shawano, Wisconsin, 54166, up to 11:00 A.M. on Friday, March 26, 2021 for the following equipment:

One 2020 or newer 3/4 Ton 2-Door Regular Cab Pick Up Truck 4x4 with composite service body for ¾ ton pick-up with box delete.

Proposals shall be submitted on forms provided by the City of Shawano. Copies of same, along with specifications may be obtained at the City of Shawano, Department of Public Works, 2905 E. Richmond Street, Shawano, Wisconsin, 54166. Any proposal submitted after the date and time specified will be rejected.

City of Shawano
Department of Public Works

Scott Kroening
Public Works Director

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pursuant to the Shawano County Shoreland Wetland Zoning Ordinance No. 6-16, Section 8.21 (3) for the purpose of constructing a 12' x 20' addition onto a preexisting garage; construction of a 3.5' x 43' walkway; the removal of 389 square feet of cement on the west side of the single family dwelling; and grading the yard on the lake side to improve drainage to the lake. Property is located and described as commencing at the Southwest corner of Government Lot 3 in Section 16, T27N R16E, thence East along the South line of the aforesaid Government Lot 3, 161.50 feet; thence angle 88;36' to the left, 91.00 feet; thence angle 32;42' to the right, 212.95 feet; thence angle 3;49' to the right, 425.85 feet; thence angle 17;8' to the right 245.40 feet; thence angle 19;43' to the right, 330.20 feet; thence angle 2;19' to the right, 300 feet; thence angle 33;4' to the left, 283.78 feet to the Northeast corner of land now or late of Willard Schuelke as described in Volume 300 of Deeds, page 215; thence angle 33;10' to the right, 50.03 feet; thence angle 12;14' to the left, 203.24 feet and there shall be the place of beginning; thence continue along the last mentioned course, 50.81 feet; thence angle 100;15' to the right, 122 feet to the shore of Lake Shawano; thence Southwesterly along the shore to a point 50 feet distant at right angles from the last described course; thence Northerly 146.00 feet to the place of beginning; being a strip of land 50.00 feet wide throughout. Tax parcel #048-16420-0120. Town of Wescott. Property address: N6338 Cattau Beach Drive
CU-3-21: Peter Vorpahl request conditional use permit for filling and grading of more than 2,000 square feet on slopes of less than 12% within 300 feet of the ordinary high water mark of the Oconto River pursuant to the Shawano County Shoreland Wetland Zoning Ordinance No. 6-16, Section 8.21 (3) for the purpose of installing a 150 foot long driveway (25 feet wide at the road narrowing to 18 feet) to include 9 parking spaces on the North side of the driveway; and also a conditional use permit to establish an Outdoor Commercial Entertainment or Recreation land use to open a non-motorized watersports equipment rental business in the Hamlet Zoning District pursuant to the Shawano County Zoning Ordinance No. 7-14, Table X.4.02: Permitted and Conditional Uses; Commercial, Industrial and Mixed Use Zoning Districts and Section X.9.03(224). Property is located and described as that part of Government Lot 2, Section 6,

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T27N R18E commencing at the Northeast corner of Lot 1, Block 2 of the Original Plat of the Village of Pulcifer on the West bank of the Oconto River; thence running Northwesterly along Lot 1 to the Northwest corner of Lot 1, Block 2; thence Northeasterly along east boundary of Main Street 100 feet; thence in a Southeasterly direction to a point which is on the Oconto River 100 feet Northeast of the point of beginning; thence Southwesterly along the meander line of the Oconto River 100 feet to the point of beginning; excepting therefrom any parts thereof used for road and/or highway purposes. Tax parcel #020-06140-0100. Town of Green Valley. Currently vacant land. Property address: W2285 St 22 Hwy
Z-3-21: Tyler M Conradt request zone change on a 5.16 acre parcel from FP, Farmland and Forest Preservation Zoning District to A-R, Agricultural Residential Zoning District pursuant to the Shawano County Zoning Ordinance No. 7-14, Section X.2.01(1) to Section X.3.01(2) for the purpose of constructing a single family dwelling. The property is located and described as that part of the NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4, Section 25, T26N R12E bounded and described as follows: beginning at the North 1/4 corner of the said Section 25; thence S00;23'48"W along the 1/4 section line 1050.38 feet; thence N89;36'12"E 343.34 feet; thence N00;23'48"W 491.88 feet; thence S89;36'12"W 243.34 feet; thence N00;23'48"W 556.11 feet; thence N89;01'49"W along the section line 100.03 feet to the place of beginning. Subject to that part used for roadway purposes and all easements and restrictions of record. Part of Parent Tax parcel #014-25120-0000. Town of Fairbanks. Currently vacant land. W14675 US 45 HWY
NOTE: Any person may appear at the public hearing and be heard and/or submit comments to be read into the record for Committee consideration. Correspondence must bear a legible signature of the author.
Accommodations due to disability can be made by calling: 715-526-6766
Meeting notice emailed/posted: Shawano County Courthouse, Department of Human Services, Shawano County Library, Shawano Leader, WTCH Radio, Shawano County Civic website @ coshawanowi.civicweb.net
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OPINION

GUEST COLUMN

Every community should have a Tom Lyon

Tom Lyon, former long-time Shawano resident, died on March 8 from a rare form of leukemia at his home in Cambridge, Wisconsin. He was 80 — and he was my best friend.



JIM LEUENBERGER

Over the past few months, I was fortunate to talk to Tom several times on the phone. During one of those visits, he said, “Jim, I don’t think I’m going to win this one. So, do me a

favor. Remember all the great times we had, okay?”

I said I would. We said good-bye and hung up our phones. I cried.

I first met Tom Lyon at a dairy show in Iowa when I was a young 4-H boy. He came up to me, reached out his hand to shake mine and said, “Hi, I’m Tom Lyon.” I knew from that very moment he was a special person. At the same time, I had no idea the impact he would have on my life years down the road.

At World Dairy Expo in Madison in 1974, Tom told me that a position in my field of communications and public relations would be opening up at Midwest Breeders Cooperative in Shawano sometime in 1975



Tom Lyon passed away on March 8 from a rare form of leukemia, but he will be remembered in the community for his role as general manager at Midwest Breeders Cooperative and for the friendship he shared with local photographer Jim Leuenberger.

JIM LEUENBERGER

and he asked me to take a look at it. Accepting his offer a couple months later was one of the best decisions I ever made.

I started my job at Midwest in February 1975. By then, Tom was the cooperative’s general manager, which meant I would be reporting to him, but we didn’t have the usual boss/employee relationship. He

was my mentor. My confidant. My friend. His office door was always open and I could talk to him about just about anything.

Tom was not a micromanager. He said he did his best to hire the right person for each job, then got out of their way and let them do it. He treated everyone with respect, from the barn crew, to the WATS ladies, to the secretaries and the staff. It was like being in one big, happy family. Everyone enjoyed working there.

“We might not make much money,” Tom would say, “but we sure have a lot of fun.”

During the 25 years or so I worked with Tom, he and I traveled a lot together, to co-op and dairy meetings. During those trips we had some great conversations, often comparing ideas and discussing whether we thought they would work. No matter what, though, his first question was, “Is it good for our members ... the farmers we serve?” He was always thinking of ways to improve the lives of dairy producers.

Tom rose to leadership and his work in cooperative circles was legendary. He turned Midwest Breeders into an international force. He was the brainchild behind the formation of Cooperative Resources International, the first agricultural

holding cooperative.

Tom led by example. He provided great leadership to the Shawano community, to the state of Wisconsin and to the U.S. dairy industry. He always encouraged his staff to give back to their communities.

During my early years in Shawano, Tom’s family and mine became close. His son, Jeff, and daughter, Missy, babysat our kids. Our families would often get together on weekends at the home of Willard and Bernice Gums on the south shore of Shawano Lake to swim, water ski and just have fun. Those were great times. The best of times.

Every once in a while, we are fortunate to have a person like Tom Lyon come into our lives. His accomplishments were many, but what set him apart was that he was the kindest and most caring person I ever met. In every way, Tom Lyon was the real deal.

I have been so fortunate to have had Tom Lyon in my life and miss him so very much. I look forward to when we meet again and can talk about all the fun we had.

Rest in peace, my friend.

Jim Leuenberger is a photographer and occasional contributor to NEW Media. He also founded the Shawano Country Barn Quilt project, which has more than 350 quilts mainly painted by him and his wife.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Can White people claim they’re not racist?

To the editor:

Based on certain events of the past year including the infamous George Floyd affair, it has become increasingly embarrassing for me to be a White man in America. I have put a considerable effort into learning more about how deeply racism is ingrained in our society. I have come to agree that racism is systemic and that each White American bears a portion of the collective responsibility.

Let me give a personal example.

If I see a White person walking on the street in front of my house, unless that person trespasses onto my property, I don’t give the matter a thought. If that same incident involved a Black person, I would have the reflexive reaction of “What is he or she doing in my neighborhood?” Another example, have you ever had the automatic verbal or internal response of “Gee, he sure does not sound Black”? I’m not proud of my reactions but they are real.

It is absolutely true that no white person can experience the daily profiling that occurs. No matter how successful in life, every Black dad or mom has to have the “talk” of how

to act around a White police officer. Every Black person regardless of how successful has in effect had to start 20 yards behind a similarly qualified white person in life’s 100-yard race. Most white people’s ancestors came here by choice in search of a better life. Black people starting in the early 17th century came here as property.

Here is food for thought:

- Consider the reaction of government to the events of Black Lives Matter protests compared to the insurrection of Jan. 6 largely put on by White people.

- Consider that Wisconsin still does not formally acknowledge

Black History Month. Politicians like Robin Vos and Jim Steineke let the matter slide and when asked why offer no response.

- Consider the actions of Republicans to suppress the scope of absentee voting and voting by mail for the implicit purpose of impairing the process for people of color — a modern day version of Jim Crow.

I have submitted this piece as a form of personal and public shaming. I need to take ownership. Though not a traditional Christian, I do believe that Jesus came not only to comfort the afflicted but to afflict the comfortable. Think about it.

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